

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING GARRETT O. SMITH

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Master Chief Petty Officer Garrett O. Smith for his service to our country. Master Chief Petty Officer Smith served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1969.

Master Chief Smith was assigned to the U.S.S. *Sperry* (AS-12), a submarine tender, in September of 1942. Later, in March of 1947, Officer Smith graduated from the Electrician "B" School in Washington, DC, and transferred to Goat Island, California. In May of 1954, Master Chief Smith was reassigned to the Naval Inspectors Office at Quincy, Massachusetts. Officer Smith's last assignment began in January of 1968 aboard the U.S.S. *Observation Island* (E-AG-154) Polaris/Poseidon test and development ship. On December 1, 1969, Master Chief Smith retired from the United States Navy.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Officer Smith for his service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

MAVERICK SWENSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Maverick Swenson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Maverick Swenson is an 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Maverick Swenson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Maverick Swenson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING MINISTER TIMOTHY MILES FOWLER

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Minister Timothy Miles Fowler, a cornerstone in the DeKalb County community; and

Whereas, Timothy Miles Fowler was born in Decatur, Georgia, educated in the DeKalb County Public Schools and was a Minister at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, he was a young man who believed and lived a life for God, Country, Community and Family; and

Whereas, Minister Fowler gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family and community; and

Whereas, he was a husband, a father, a son, a brother and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with Iris, his wife and life partner and their three children, Timothy Tymere, Iana Allysa and Cameron Timothy; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Minister Timothy Miles Fowler as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, Henry C. "Hank" Johnson, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Minister Timothy Miles Fowler is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Minister Timothy Miles Fowler U.S. Citizen of Distinction Extension of Remarks in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 27th day of April, 2013.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HARLEM'S MATRIARCH MS. FANNIE E. PENNINGTON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Harlem's Matriarch Ms. Fannie E. Pennington, who passed away on Wednesday, February 13 at the age of 99 years old.

On Friday, February 22, the village Harlem joined together at Abyssinian Baptist Church to celebrate the amazing and historic life of Fannie E. Pennington who was a faithful and dedicated servant to the Lord and to our Nation. Great women like our wonderful Fannie Pennington are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance, contributions and accomplishments are far remembered and everlasting.

Our beloved Fannie lived a full spiritual life—a life well spent and dedicated to the up-

lifting of African Americans and women. Daughter of Matthew Mark and Hattie Harris, and a descendant of the Balanta Fula Tribes of Guinea, Fannie and her late sister Amelia were baptized and christened into the family of the historic Abyssinian Baptist Church by the Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

At Abyssinian, Fannie Pennington became one of the most devoted members, serving on the Progressive Ladies Usher Board, the Welcome and Hospitality Committee, which was once known as the Adam Clayton Powell Overseas Club. Ms. Fannie Pennington greeted and hosted historic world figures and American Icons such as Haile Selassie, Mary McCloud Bethune, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

Many of our friends will remember Fannie as a vivacious and beautiful personality, who tended bar in several of Harlem's elite dining institutions and establishments. She was also an official representative of the Barmaid Charity Organization, which raised money to send inner city kids to summer camp. I will remember Fannie for her loyalty and support to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., her years of service to the New York City Board of Elections and the Frederick E. Samuel Community Democratic Club, where she spent her life's work registering young people to vote.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the 100th Birthday of Rosa Parks, let us also celebrate the 99 years of our beloved Fannie E. Pennington.

HONORING TERRY EDWARD MASSEY

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

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Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Corporal Terry Edward Massey. Corporal Massey served in the United States Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946.

A few months after his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on November 4, 1943. Corporal Massey served in the 26th Marine Regiment, 5th Marine Division during the Battle of Iwo Jima. After landing at Iwo Jima, Corporal Massey helped a wounded fellow Marine take cover in a shell hole. Near the end of the battle, Corporal Massey said, "Surviving Iwo Jima without getting injured was like walking through rain without getting wet."

During his years of service, Corporal Massey received a Presidential Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Star, World War II Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal (Japan), China Liberation Ribbon, and Marine Corps Sharpshooter Badge. He was discharged on May 10, 1946. Now at age 87, Fmr. Corporal Massey still remembers

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